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Elkridge Hunt Club
Elkridge
Private

circa 1870

Built after the Civil War, at almost the same time that the Elkridge Assembly Rooms were proposed by Judge George Washington Dobbin, prominent resident, this building stands today as evidence of the love of fox-hunting by residents of the Belmont - Lawyers Hill area.

It faces west on the east side of Hunt Club Road, composed of two wings, a two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, low pitched gabled roof (running east - west) Georgia pine barn siding west wing and a four bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north - south) Georgia pine barn siding east wing. Together they form an L plan. An additional one bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east - west) frame appendage extends from the north half of the east wing's east wall.

The building features a rectangular west door, flanked by three vertical sidelights, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, projecting flat wooden lintels supported by single scrolled brackets and projecting, flat wooden sills.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Elkrige Hunt Club

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 6101 Hunt Club Road

CITY, TOWN Elkrige

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Faith, Sr.

Telephone #: 796-2052

STREET & NUMBER

6101 Hunt Club Road

CITY, TOWN

Elkrige

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Hall of Records

Liber #: 219

Folio #: 442

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Elkridge Hunt Club Building is located approximately one mile south of the intersection of Bauman Drive, on the east side of Old Hunt Club Road.

It faces west, sitting on the top of a gentle slope of ground surrounded by lawn and mature trees. It is composed of two wings; a two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, low pitched gabled roof (running east-west) Georgia pine barn siding west wing and a four bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) Georgia pine barn siding east wing which together form an L plan. An additional one bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame appendage was later added to the north side of the east wall of the east addition. Initially not totally in alignment and square off, it was realigned by Mr. Mooreland in the 1940's

In 1960 a one story high, shed roofed, one bay wide addition was added to the remaining east wall of the east wing, flush with Mr. Mooreland's structure. This later addition holds the present kitchen with four light casement window on the south.

The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Faith, Senior, have totally restored this old building, creating a lovely home for themselves in the south side of the building and a fine apartment on the north. While renovation was taking place wooden lockers were found upstairs for changing clothes.

THE WEST WING

The main rectangular, cross paneled entrance is located in the north bay of the west wing's west wall, flanked by three vertical side lights. A double hung first floor window, holding six-over-six lights rests in this wall's south bay. Two similar second floor windows rest above. They are decorated with projecting flat wooden lintels supported by single scrolled brackets on each side and projecting, flat wooden sills. A diamond shaped attic vent lies above. A one story high, hipped roof screened in porch runs along the west wall of the west wing which was at one time an open porch.

The south wall of this section of the house holds two similar first and second floor windows, whose first floor windows are decorated with lintels similar to those described. The north wall of this section of the house holds no apertures.

THE EAST WING

The south wall of the east wing originally held a double window, each component holding a four-over-four light, double hung window. This double window was surmounted by a lintel similar to those described and is now located on the east wall being replaced by a square twenty-eight light picture window.

A second floor six-over-six light window, decorated with a lintel similar to those described, rests above, along with a diamond shaped, central attic vent.

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The north wall of this section holds a first and second floor double window similar to that originally resting in the south wall.

Extending westward from the southern half of the west walls gabled roof (east wing) is a two story high one bay wide projection which holds a first floor six-over-six light window, decorated with a lintel, similar to those described on its west wall and a rectangular entrance door on its north wall. A one story high, hipped roof porch is set into the north corner created by this projection and serves as a cover for the entrance. A first (decorated with lintel) and second floor window lie north of the projection in the west wall. A square brick chimney is centered into the roof of the east wing.

Along the north side of the east wall of the east wing extends a two story high, one bay deep, intersecting gabled roof (running east - west) addition which holds a rectangular three light kitchen door on its east wall and a six-over-six light window above.

East of the Hunt Club building, how a private residence with apartment located in the east wing, is located the residence for the Master of the Hunt. It is a two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame building with two story intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) on its south wall. This addition replaces the one story high open porch which formerly ran along this south elevation.

A one story high appendage on the north wall of the origianl house probably held the kitchen.

A stable was located east of these two buildings and was sufficient to house fifty horses and 200 hounds for the Hunt. A corn crib put together with wooden pegs was also located in the field east of these buildings.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the post civil war days, the Elkridge Hunt Club was founded to foster fox-hunting at about the same time that the Elkridge Assembly Rooms were built as a neighborhood parlor and for the presentation of plays and other spectacles.

Belmont, the estate built by Caleb and Priscilla Dorsey, was the hub of this social activity which extended to the summer homes of prominent Baltimore lawyers residing on Lawyers Hill, adjacent to Belmont.

The history of fox-hunting dates back as far as 1650 in Maryland, when Robert Brooke, the "Commander" of Charles County, now called Calvert County, brought over the first fox-hounds from England. Charles Carroll had also imported hounds from Ireland. Roger Brooke III settled at Brookeville in Montgomery County and crossed his hounds with those of The Carroll Estate. The result was the Maryland fox-hound which is slightly larger than the average and has great endurance in cross-country runs.

La Chase has always been the sport of kings. The Maryland gentry were no exception. Fox-hunting became their chief sport, initially on a very private basis and later through the formation of various hunt clubs such as The Howard County Hunt and The Elkridge Hunt Clubs. Farmers had no objection to riders and hounds running through their property for foxes were a menace to domestic fowl.

In 1936, however, a famous suit involving fox hunting, Baker vs. Howard County Hunt (171 Md. 159), upheld in the lower court the traditional rights of fox hunters to pursue the fox wherever it might go, but it was reversed by the Court of Appeals.

The case attracted nation-wide attention. The hunt club was defended by two Elkridge lawyers, Daniel M. Murray, Jr. and Francis Key Murray.

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The Court of Appeals described fox-hunting as "an ancient exhilarating and healthful sport , which is not only lawful, but which for centuries has added to the health and pleasure of those who love to combine the freedom and freshness of the open space with the thrills of the chase, the music of the hounds, the rushing air, the creaking of saddle leather, and the sights and sounds of the countryside in the crisp air of the Fall and early Winter".

The Belmont-Lawyers Hill area has now been split in two by Route I-95. Much of the area around the Elkridge Hunt Club has been subdivided and the club house itself is now a private residence. The integrity of Lawyers Hill and Belmont, however, remain intact and this building so beautifully rehabilitated and maintained stands as a reminder to Elkridge of a romantic era, of which remnants remain in the hospitality and gentleness of its residents.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESHO-457
District 1

Stein, C.F. Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland. Baltimore, 1972

Interview with Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Faith, Sr. at their home,
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY January, 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.395

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records, Liber#: 219,
Folio #: 442

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

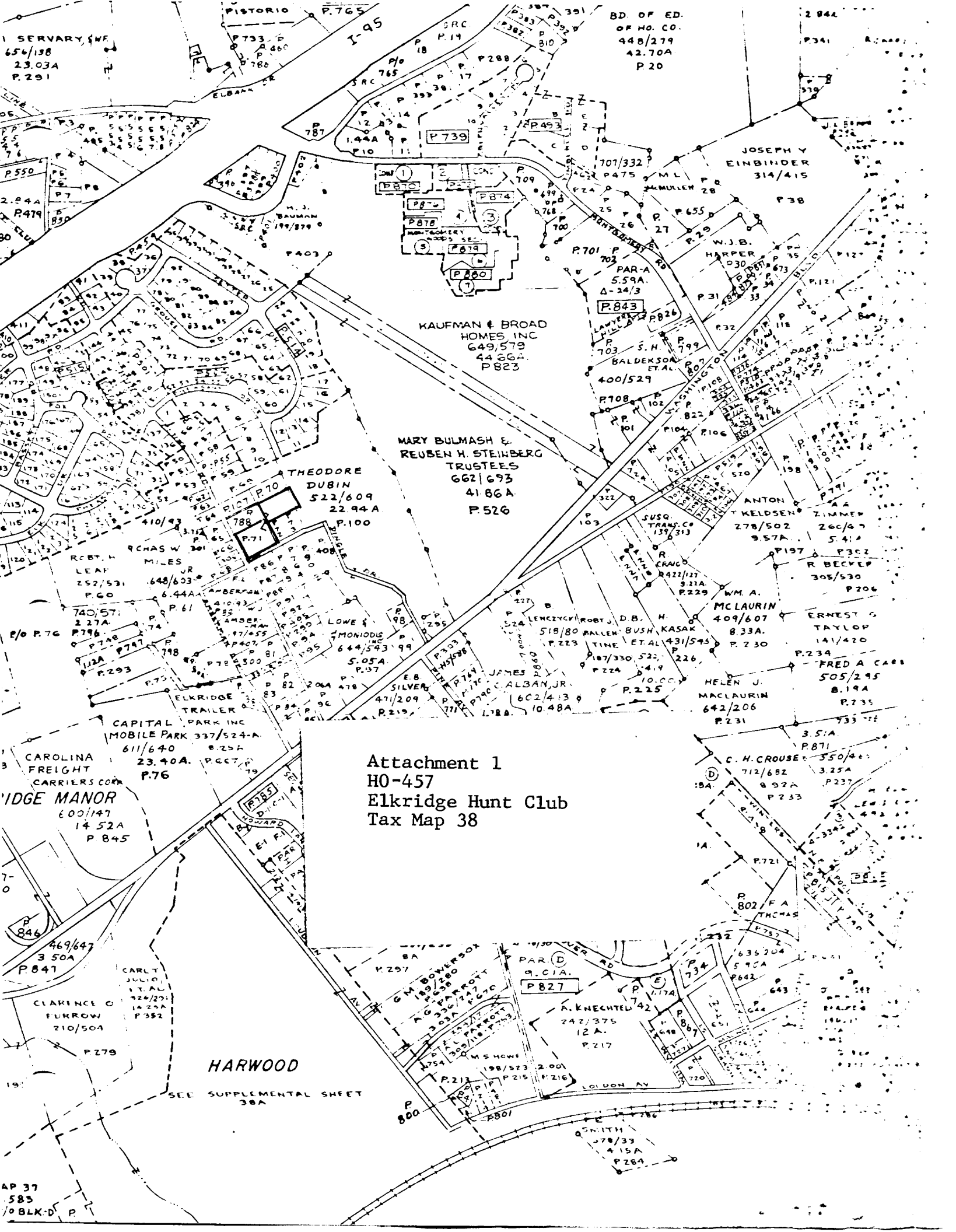
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Maryland

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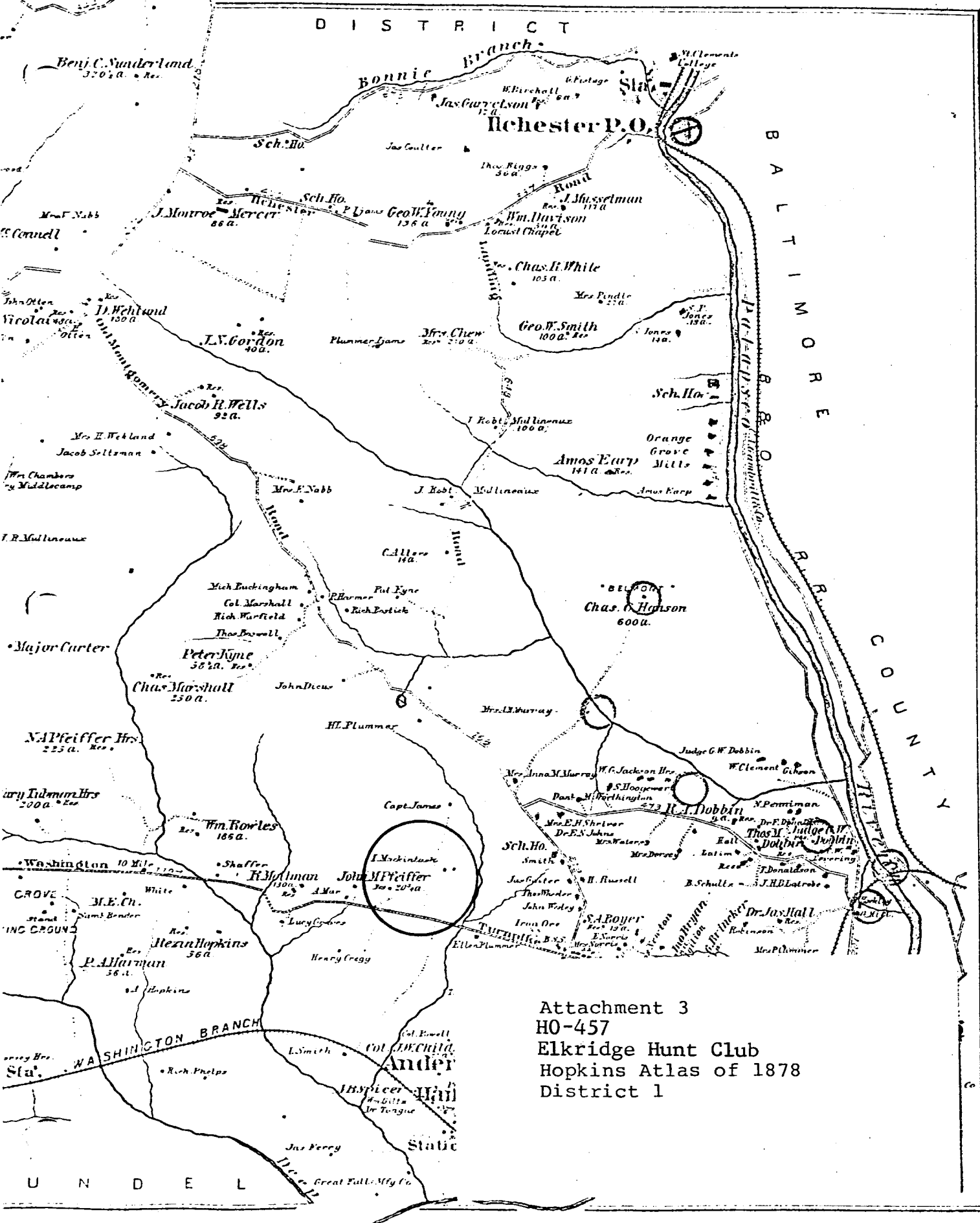
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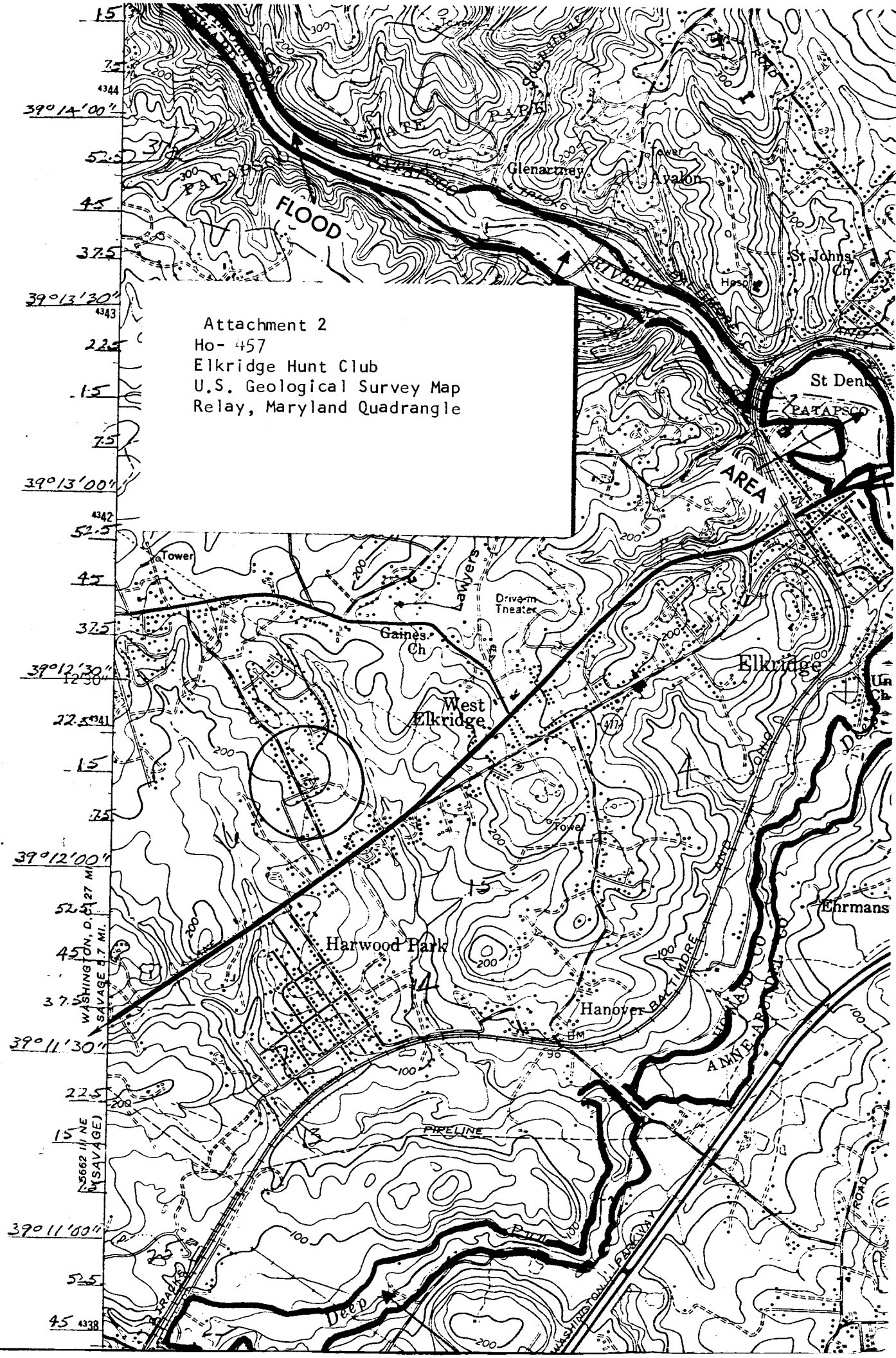
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HARWOOD

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Attachment 2
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Elkridge Hunt Club
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle





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OLD ELKRIDGE HUNT CLUB
SOUTHWEST

CLEORA THOMPSON, A/P